

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response to restriction requirement filed on 12/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/14/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Raymond F. Cardillo, Jr. on January 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 9-20 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. The prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a display device comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically an island-shaped conductor for repairing line disconnection disposed above the conductive line with the first insulating layer therebetween and a pixel electrode provided above the switching element with the second insulating layer interposed therebetween and connected with the switching element via the through hole.

5. USPAT 6,630,976 discloses an array substrate for use in an LCD device including at least one repair line wherein the repair line is insulated against the data and gate lines by insulation layers and overlapping the gate and data lines. USPAT 6,621,535 discloses a semiconductor device that includes DLC (diamond-like carbon) film formed on a surface of an insulating substrate allowing charges of static electricity to flow and prevent electrostatic breakdown of the TFT. USPAT 6,072,559 discloses an active matrix display device having defect repair extension line beneath each pixel. USPAT 6,025,892 discloses a liquid crystal display device having a conductive film (not for repairing line disconnection) formed above the conductive line with the first insulating layer interposed therebetween and a pixel electrode provided above the switching element with the second insulating layer interposed therebetween. USPAT 5,995,178 discloses an active matrix liquid crystal panel and a method for repairing defect therein. USPAT 5,977,563 discloses an active matrix substrate and correcting method of

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structural defect. However, all of the prior art references alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest the claimed display device wherein an island-shaped conductor for repairing line disconnection disposed above the conductive line with the first insulating layer therebetween and a pixel electrode provided above the switching element with the second insulating layer interposed therebetween and connected with the switching element via the through hole, including all other recitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

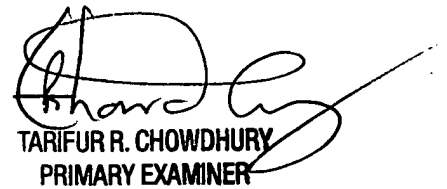
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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